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General Reference:

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Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)

Required Use of Safety Belts¹:

Requirements:

A person driving and any front or back seat passenger >5 years old riding in a motor vehicle (with an unladen weight of <6,000 lbs.) shall wear a safety belt. §484.641(2)

Secondary Enforcement. A citation may be issued for a violation of this requirement only if the violation is discovered when the vehicle is halted or its driver arrested for another alleged violation or offense. §484.641(3)

Sanctions for Failure to Use or
Require the Use of Safety Belts:

A fine of not more than **\$25**.² §484.641(3) Note: A violation of this requirement is not a moving violation for license sanctioning purposes. §484.641(4)(A)

Effect on Civil Liability:

A violation of this requirement may not be considered as negligence or as causation in any civil action or as negligence or reckless driving. §484.641(4)(b) In addition, such a violation may not be considered as misuse of a product or as causation in any action brought to recover damages for injury to a person or property resulting from the manufacture, distribution, sale or use of a product. §484.641(4)(c)

Required Use of Child Safety Restraint Systems³:

Requirements:

A person transporting a child, who is <5 years old and who weighs <40 lbs. in a motor vehicle, shall secure such child in a Federally approved child restraint system. §484.474(1)

Sanctions for Failure to Require
the Use of Child Restraint Systems:

A fine of not less than **\$35** nor more than **\$100**. §484.474(2) Note: A violation of this requirement is not a moving violation for license sanctioning purposes. §484.474(3)

Effect on Civil Liability:

A violation of this requirement may not be considered (1) as negligence in any civil action or (2) as negligence or reckless driving. §484.474(4)

Required Use of Motorcycle Protective Headgear:

Requirements:

A person operating or riding on a motorcycle shall wear State approved protective headgear. This requirement does not apply to persons operating or riding on trimobiles or mopeds §486.231(1) & (2)

¹**Exemptions.** The requirement to use a safety belt does not apply in the following circumstances: (1) To persons who are unable to wear a safety belt for physical or medical reasons; (2) to persons driving or riding in motor vehicles that are not required to be equipped with safety belts under Federal law; (3) to employees of the U.S. Postal Service while delivering mail in the rural areas of the State; (4) to persons who frequently leave a vehicle for the purpose of delivering property and where the vehicle does not exceed 15 MPH; and, (5) to passengers riding in a public transportation vehicle including a taxi, school bus or emergency vehicle. §484.641(6) In addition, the State can exempt persons from this requirement who ride in motor vehicles or seating posting that the State has determined would make compliance impractical. §484.641(5)

²If the violator is child ≥5 but <18 years old, the driver is cited for the offense. However, if both the driver and such child are in violation of this requirement, only one citation may be issued. §484.641(3)

³**Exemptions.** The requirement to use a child restraint system does not apply in the following circumstances: (1) To children being transported in a means of public transportation including a taxi, school bus or emergency vehicle; and, (2) to children who have either a physical or medical difficulty that would make use of such a system ~~either~~ impractical or dangerous. §484.474(5)(a) & (b)

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Sanctions for Failure to Use:

Misdemeanor: An imprisonment term of not more than **6 months** and/or a fine of not more than **\$1,000**.⁴ §§193.150(1) & 486.381 Two (2) points are assessed against a person's driving record. NAC 483.510

Required Use of Motorcycle Eye Protection Device⁵:

Requirements:

A person operating or riding on a motorcycle or a trimobile shall wear State approved glasses, goggles or a face shield. This requirement does not apply to persons operating or riding on mopeds. §486.231(1) & (2)

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Required Use of Bicycle Protective Headgear:

Requirements:

None

Sanctions for Failure to Use:

Required Use of Bicycle Eye Protection Device:

Requirements:

None

Sanctions for Failure to Use:

Prohibition Against Riding in Unsecured Portion of Vehicle:

Requirements:

A person shall not ride on any portion of a vehicle that is not designed or intended for passenger use. §484.473

Sanctions for a Violation:

Misdemeanor: An imprisonment term of not more than **6 months** and/or a fine of not more than **\$1,000**.⁴ A 2nd offender may be required to attend a driver training school. §§193.150(1) & 484.251

Exemptions:

An employee engaged in the discharging duties or a person riding within a truck body and space designed for merchandise. §484.473

⁴As an alternative to either an imprisonment term or a fine, an offender may be sentenced to perform a fixed period of work for the benefit of the community. §193.150(2)

⁵This requirement does not apply to persons operating or riding (1) on either a motorcycle or a trimobile if such vehicle is equipped with a transparent windscreen; (2) in a motorcycle being driven in an authorized parade; or, (3) in a three-wheeled motorcycle where the driver or passengers are within an enclosed cab. §486.231(3), (4) & (5)